

DNREC to hold public meeting Dec. 7 on redevelopment plans for former GM Wilmington assembly plant site

*Agency to be joined by site's owner-developer, Boxwood
Industrial Park, LLC*

WILMINGTON – The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control will hold a public meeting Thursday, Dec. 7, to discuss proposed redevelopment plans for the former GM Wilmington assembly plant site at 801 Boxwood Road. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the Five Points Fire Company Hall, located at 209 S. Maryland Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804.

The meeting will provide DNREC and the site's owner and developer, Boxwood Industrial Park, LLC, and an affiliate company, Harvey Hanna & Associates, Inc. (HHA), which has successfully redeveloped other properties in Delaware, with an opportunity to discuss the proposed plans for the site and to answer questions from the community. General Motors first assembled cars at the historic site in 1946, and subsequently provided generations of Delaware autoworkers with good jobs and benefits.

The former GM Wilmington assembly plant site is currently a DNREC Certified Brownfields Site in Delaware's Brownfields Development Program. The program encourages the cleanup and redevelopment of vacant and abandoned properties that may be contaminated. Prospective purchasers wanting to develop a brownfields property must negotiate with DNREC to perform an investigation and, if necessary, a remedial action or remedy, for the purpose of addressing risks posed by past releases of hazardous substances at the site. DNREC negotiated and entered

into a Brownfields Development Agreement with Boxwood Industrial Park, LLC on Oct. 12.

"We are pleased that Boxwood Industrial Park, LLC plans to develop one of Delaware's landmark labor and manufacturing sites," said DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin. "The redevelopment of the former assembly plant, with oversight from DNREC's Brownfield Development Program, will not only be protective of human health and the environment, but also will reenergize the area and promises to bring good jobs to Delaware. We look forward to continuing our partnership in properly addressing historic contamination, while putting idle and abandoned Brownfield properties back into productive use."

"We are proud to be in a position to help attract quality companies and jobs to Delaware," said Thomas J. Hanna, president, HHA, an affiliate company of Boxwood Industrial Park, LLC. "This is a rare availability of centrally-located property within our region and offers compelling value to a wide array of prospective tenants."

For more information about the Dec. 7 public meeting, about DNREC's Brownfields Development Program, or the former GM Wilmington Assembly Plant Site, please contact: [Rick Galloway](#), DNREC project manager; [Christina Wirtz](#), outreach ombudsman; [Qazi Salahuddin](#), program manager; or [Tim Ratsep](#), administrator of DNREC's Site Investigation and Restoration Section, or please call 302-395-2600.

Additional information on DNREC's Brownfields Development Program and the former GM Wilmington assembly plant site is available, respectively at:
<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/dwhs/SIRB/Pages/Brownfields.aspx>
and
<http://www.nav.dnrec.delaware.gov/DEN3/>

Meeting information is available at:
<https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/Meeting/56104>

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